

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

April 26, 2004

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. Board members present were Chair Jim Futch, Debbie Chandler, Hertz Halperin, Melinda Hart, David Oakes and Stephanie Osborn. Also present were Councilmember Starkey, Planner Brad Swing and Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Andre Parke, Mitch Topal and Don Zane were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 26, 2004

Ms. Chandler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Osborn, to approve the minutes of January 26, 2004. In a voice vote, all voted in favor with Mr. Parke, Mr. Topal and Mr. Zane being absent. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

3. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair Futch passed the gavel and nominated Ms. Osborn, seconded by Mr. Halperin. In a voice vote, with Mr. Parke, Mr. Topal and Mr. Zane being absent, all voted in favor of Ms. Osborn as Vice-Chair.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Evaluate Flyers for Distribution

Chair Futch indicated that Vice-Chair Osborn had been handling this issue and turned the floor over to her. Ms. Osborn related the information she had received from speaking to Virginia Lane, the contact person for the Environmental Impact Statement. Vice-Chair Osborn circulated a flyer she composed and asked for help regarding complete and fair examination of the I-595 Flight Tracking Proposal and other noise mitigation. She also gave out a website for an Airport Environmental Program that had useful information.

Vice-Chair Osborn explained that Ms. Lane informed her of the Part 150 process, which was incorporated in the EIS, encompasses the noise litigation, the flight tracking and the close in profile. This process was voluntary and brought together the airport sponsor, the surrounding community and the FAA to determine measures to reduce noise impact to non-compatible land uses. The Part 150 process would track flight plans and noise mitigation and the date for initiation of the EIS in June. Vice-Chair Osborn stated that Ms. Lane had informed her that the State remained flexible pending Broward County's decision. She also stated that on June 1st, there would be a meeting with airport representatives to see if the airlines would pay for the mitigation. Vice-Chair Osborn indicated that she was informed that if the airlines did not agree to pay for the mitigation, the issue would be put back on the table.

Vice-Chair Osborn expressed that she thought there was a chance the expansion would not happen. She also stated that even if the expansion does not happen, a Part 150 process could be initiated to help with the current amount of noise from the airport.

4.2 Review Resolution for Distribution

Mr. Swing discussed the Town's resolution opposing the Broward County Commissions choice of Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport expansion

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alternatives. Mr. Swing briefly discussed what the resolution stated as to how the Town stood on the issue.

Chair Futch introduced Brenda Chalifour and stated that she was in charge of Save Our Shorelines. Ms. Chalifour explained that Save Our Shorelines, along with other agencies, had been working against the airport expansion for three years. She discussed several aspects of the research that had been done concerning the airport expansion and what actions would be taken in the future.

Ms. Chalifour discussed developing a strategy depending on what was going on in the County. She also explained alternatives to the runway expansion and noise contours. Ms. Chalifour added that if the airlines would not pay for noise contours, then the County might; but, then it would be a County issue. Ms. Chalifour indicated that the County had hired a group of people to do the EIS to insure it was done correctly.

Mr. Halperin inquired as to why the County must ask permission from the airlines to tax their passengers and not just tax them. Ms. Chalifour answered that it was a client relations issue and it was not required that they ask the airlines first. Councilmember Starkey indicated that the airlines now realized that their mitigation cost would be high and they did not want to charge their customers more.

Vice-Chair Osborn inquired about the Part 150 process and how to initiate it. Ms. Chalifour expressed that not much would be initiated until an aviation director was hired. She stated that the decision to expand was ultimately up to the County. If the County had five votes against the expansion, it would not happen.

Mr. Oakes asked who initiated the proposal to expand the airport. There was a brief discussion about who originally initiated the expansion with Ms. Chalifour suggesting that it was the aviation director. Councilmember Starkey added that the vision behind the expansion was to encourage international and cargo flights for economic benefits.

Chair Futch introduced Bob Anton, Dania Beach Commissioner and resident of Melaleuca Gardens. Commissioner Anton stated that in 1995, three commissioners from Dania Beach had signed an agreement with the County signing away all rights to mitigate and block airport expansion. He advised that until there was a record of decision, Dania Beach could do nothing. Commissioner Anton explained how the expansion was affecting Melaleuca Gardens and the surrounding areas. He suggested distributing flyers, sending emails and holding homeowner's association meetings to motivate residents.

Mr. Oakes asked what role the Property Appraiser's Office had in determining property value and in the litigation process. Commissioner Anton responded that they would probably not play a role at all. Ms. Chalifour asked about Commissioner Anton's response to a letter sent to residents regarding selling their homes. Commissioner Anton commented that flyers were sent out with information regarding the resident's choices.

Councilmember Starkey expressed her thanks to the Everglades Homeowners Association for attending the meeting. She added that the airplanes going over that area were now causing unacceptable noise. Councilmember Starkey stated that the existing conditions needed to be addressed before more flights were added, causing more noise.

Chair Futch suggested making a total plan of how much money the Board would need to compose and distribute materials to help inform residents and then present the plan to

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Council. Vice-Chair Osborn inquired about taking the flyer mentioned earlier to the Board first and getting approval for it. Chair Futch indicated that traditionally, the Board would come up with the total amount of flyers to be distributed and the amount of money it would take to mail them to residents, and then present that amount to Council for its approval.

Chair Futch advised that the biggest problem that the Board had was communicating with the residents. He commented that Board members had gone door-to-door in their neighborhoods handing out flyers, distributed flyers in shopping center parking lots, ads were included in the Davie Update and many other steps were taken to inform residents. Ms. Chalifour suggested distributing information about condemnation letters to bring residents to a meeting and then handing out additional information and getting everyone involved. A discussion ensued regarding ways to inform more residents and get more people involved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Noise Abatement – Close-In Arrival Approach Profile

Councilmember Starkey advised that years ago, the flight pattern was tighter than the current flight pattern.

Kiran Sanghi, 3962 West Lake Estates Drive, agreed and indicated that different airports had different restrictions on noise. He indicated that studies showed that noise could be reduced by at least five decibels by planes taking off and landing at a steeper angle. He explained that when planes approached the airport, they could lower the flaps at a later time, using the engines less, therefore reducing the noise level. Mr. Sanghi noted that the FAA dictated the rules for landings and takeoffs for safety reasons. He stated there were contact numbers from the airports for noise contacts.

Councilmember Starkey mentioned that there would be a convention hosted by Aviation N.O.I.S.E in July in Dania Beach if anyone would like to attend.

Chair Futch asked Mr. Sanghi if the FAA had taken into account citizen requests for flight pattern changes in airports using the steeper approach technique. Mr. Sanghi indicated that airports had not changed their flight patterns; but had changed their flight specifications. Councilmember Starkey added that the FAA would accommodate neighborhoods if there was severe impact.

Chair Futch suggested that the Board research what efforts it could take to put pressure on the FAA to encourage them to change flight pattern over Davie to reduce the amount of noise. He suggested that the Board develop a strategy to follow. Councilmember Starkey expressed that once the Board had decided where it was going and what it was asking for, the Town could present a resolution to the County Commission and the FAA.

Ms. Chalifour indicated that the flyer discussed earlier was a fine piece of information; but it may be too soon to distribute. She stated that the information would probably be discussed in the EIS and then the flyers should start being dispersed. Mr. Oakes suggested learning more about the Part 150 process and develop a strategy using it and identify the

pressure points. Ms. Chalifour stated that a meeting should take place to inform more residents.

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Mr. Oakes indicated that he could make posters for the meeting. Chair Futch initiated a discussion about what would be a good date for the next meeting. After a brief discussion, Chair Futch stated that the meeting would be May 20th in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Starkey advised that noise monitors would be added to Pine Island Road and 38th Court and one near Everglades and Palma Nova. She indicated there may be another monitor close to Interstate 75. Councilmember Starkey stated that the resurfacing project was moving forward and was scheduled to begin on September 7th and conclude on December 1st.

Mr. Oakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hart, that the Board approve the meeting scheduled for May 20, 2004. In a voice vote, with Mr. Parke, Mr. Topal and Mr. Zane being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

Chair Futch stated that there was an open seat on the Board under Mayor Truex's appointment. Anyone interested should contact Mayor Truex or submit a letter to the Town.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Ruth Vaughn commented that there was a mobile home park located east of Interstate 95, around 19th Terrace, which according to a resident was bought out by developers for \$141 million dollars. She added that it was scheduled to have townhouses and condominiums built on it. Ms. Vaughn advised that the area did not appear to be in great condition and that it seemed the developers were out for the land. She added that the residents stated that they had no place to go.

Councilmember Starkey explained that the Town had over 8,000 mobile homes and offered an affordable housing program to assist residents in the case of an emergency.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Halperin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Oakes, to adjourn the meeting. In a voice vote, with Mr. Parke, Mr. Topal and Mr. Zane being absent, all voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member